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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2954

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Antonio F. D. Cabral

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to commercial driver licensing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Antonio F. D. Cabral	*13th Bristol*

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By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2954) of Antonio F. D. Cabral for legislation to authorize the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to administer alternative language tests to applicants for commercial drivers licenses. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *3026* OF 2013-2014.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to commercial driver licensing.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 6 of Chapter 90F, as appearing in the 2012 official edition, is hereby amended in line 20, by inserting after the word, "vehicles", the following:

The registrar shall administer the tests prescribed under this section in Portuguese and Spanish, if so requested by the applicant, and in any other language the registrar deems necessary, as reasonable accommodation for limited-English speaking applicants for licenses to operate commercial motor vehicles. No test administered pursuant to Section 6 shall be used to determine any English language skills required by federal guidelines and a request by an applicant for such reasonable accommodation under this section shall not exempt an applicant from the requirement that the applicant demonstrate sufficient English language proficiency to

10 converse with the general public, understand highway and traffic signs, respond to official

11 inquiries and make reports and records.